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## The Story of a Traveler.

Travelers meet with many incidents as well as accidents. They endure many hardships as well as to share the fat of the Land. Once upon a time a young man who was traveling from the cradle to the grave, who sought fame, fortune and relics, the latter of which included a wife. In passing through the State of Ohio, he accidentally or otherwise heard of the Little Dutchman in Napoleon, Henry county. Being rather of an inquisitive turn of mind he began to inquire into the history of this individual, when his curiosity soon became excited and he resolved to call upon this self same person, before he got very much nearer to his grave. He thought that he would here find much valuable matter which would assist him in filling up his very interesting Diary, and sure enough he traveled not in vain, his wildest imaginations were here completely overwhelmed, and he wondered that he had not earlier heard of or discovered this wonderful Fountain where the Balm of Life is annually dispensed to thousands. Yes, where all the very best and most popular medicines known in the entire world are kept in their purest states for the relief and cure of the afflicted and suffering, where even the dying can be made to feel that they have reached the haven of rest. He not only found here all the necessary and proper remedies for restoring the diseased and crippled condition of the physical body, but he found a large stock of the choicest food for the brain; that which produces the growth of the mind, viz: Books. These were well selected and calculated for the young as well as the old. And did the people but know that to cultivate a good healthy mind in the child, will do more to develop a good healthy body than all the medicine in the world, they would invest more liberally in good books for the children. And yet, nevertheless, this is a fact which can and has been successfully demonstrated many times by the best scientists in the world. This traveler was much pleased with these two stores in one large building being so successfully managed for the welfare and wellbeing of the human family, so much so that he has concluded to make Napoleon his future home, where he can have free access to this Mammoth Store, and to receive bids for matrimony, which can be addressed to Traveler, care of the Northwest office, Napoleon, Ohio.

## THE FLOOD AT TOLEDO.

(From Saturday's News.)

While there have been expressions for some time past that we were on the verge of a dangerous break-up in the Maumee, many had hoped that, as in numerous former years, the floods might pass away gradually and without disaster, yet the most inveterate crafter of evil tidings did not venture to conceive the half that has overtaken us.

The disaster is deplorable, and its effects will be far-reaching. Probably millions of dollars will not cover the terrible loss that the angry waters and whirling blocks of ice have already and are inflicting as we write. Bridges, vessels, wheat, corn, lumber, machinery, groceries, every conceivable property have gone and are going into the general wreck.

The picture is frightful to contemplate, and the angry waters continue to rise. All along the dock, from one end of the city to the other, and for miles above and below, the wild scene of water, water and desolation is beyond the power of description. Such a wide-spread devastation, Toledo in all her history has never experienced, and the loss and suffering that must ensue can not now be estimated. But particulars.

Early in the morning the center of attraction was Summit street in this vicinity of Monroe and Perry. At the corner of Monroe the water reached up around the basement of that block, as well as the territory bounded by Water street being flooded. In the lower part of Summit street, where the water was three feet deep, a crowd of men, women and children were looking on in amazement and terror. The water was rising rapidly, and the people were being driven to the upper floors of the buildings.

At 9 o'clock, the time of the reporter's visit the flood was at its height. Houses, stores, and everything in the way of property had been destroyed or was being destroyed.

A temporary bridge had been constructed across the railroad bridge over Swan Creek, and passengers were passing over at a steady rate. This operation was quite interesting and amusing. The crowd would surge up to the foot-board, and completely fill it with a string of people to the number of thirty or forty. As the water rose, the crowd would accumulate on the other end of the bridge, and the people would be driven to the upper floors of the buildings.

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monster oak struck the draw and after a moment of mighty effort to maintain its position, it was forced to succumb, and joined the army of logs and other debris on the river. The water, which was falling all day yesterday, has caused the river to become so shallow, that, even if the ice was broken, there is no possibility of carrying it out into the lake.

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found to contain one to three feet of water, much to the discomfort of the owners and occupants of these buildings. Erie street, near the canal, presents a sorry appearance. Water, water, everywhere. The water is rising rapidly, and the people are being driven to the upper floors of the buildings.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14, 1881.

The event of the latest week in point of importance was the electoral count on Wednesday. Thongs of sight-seers, who found nothing to see, poured into all the entrances of the Capitol from an early hour in the morning, and as early as 10 o'clock every available space in the galleries was occupied. The spacious area of the rotunda was so packed that scarcely room to walk around was afforded, and the old hall of the House, now known as Statuary Hall, was equally crowded. At 12 o'clock the hour fixed for the meeting of the joint convention of the two houses, the vast hall of the House and the tier of galleries which rise above it presented an animated and interesting spectacle. The attendance of members of the House was unusually large, and there would have been no such trouble as has been experienced so often during this session of obtaining a quorum. The diplomatic gallery had a large proportion of the attaches of the Chinese and Japanese legations, and sprinkled amongst them were a great many who do not belong to the diplomatic corps, but who, somehow or other always manage to avail themselves of the diplomatic gallery whenever desirable. There was a noticeable absence of any members of the President's household, who, by courtesy, are always accorded seats in the diplomatic gallery, and a prominent member of the House on the Republican side, in commenting on this, said, "Of course they don't care to see a fair count; it might make them feel badly."

Just before the hour arrived, permission was accorded to the anxious crowd of ladies, wives, daughters, and friends of members, who were waiting in the corridors unable to find room in the galleries, to come in on the floor, and they rushed in pell-mell, sweeping everything before them like a pent-up water-course which has broken its confines. Sofas, chairs, and the seats of members were taken possession of without formality of request. The washbasin Mr. Conger, who, in reference to himself, had objected to the admission of the ladies, called for a division when the question was put by the Speaker, stood surveying the scene with grim satisfaction, but took good care to defend his own seat against all attacks. The dignified and solemn procession of Senators came in promptly at the hour, headed by Vice-President Wheeler leaning on the arm of Secretary Batchelor, close behind whom came the venerable William B. Ewing, the faithful malor-dome of the Senate, bearing as he has on so many occasions, the mahogany boxes which are the receptacle for the electoral votes. Four years ago, when he came into the hall of the House with the boxes containing these precious documents, he was in the middle of a solid phalanx of determined men, armed to the teeth and ready to defend the custody of the boxes against all assailants. This is not the only respect in which the count of Wednesday differed from that of four years ago, which was prolonged through three weeks of anxiety and excitement, and terminated in a wild scene upon the floor of the House and the final shame of inaugurating the wrong man. On the present occasion there was no excitement, and after the count began, the proceedings were decidedly monotonous and uninteresting. Senator Conkling came in fifteen minutes after the reading of the certificates began and gave his admirers an opportunity to look at him. His conspicuous manner showed that he knew he was observed of all observers, and that was his object.

It seems pretty certain that, among other important matters to fail with the end of the session, the nomination of Stanley Matthews is one. There is no longer any doubt that the Judiciary Committee of the Senate is opposed to him. Both Senators Thurman and Edmunds are among his most earnest opponents. Mr. Matthews' ability and fitness is not questioned, but his views upon the relations of the railway corporations to the people, as indicated by his countering the Thurman bill two years ago, renders his nomination objectionable, especially at this time when a conflict is felt to be impending. It is understood here that, in addition to the other influences working against him, influential friends of General Garfield are moving in the same line. It is held that the President ought to have something to say in the matter. The idea which is animating his friends who are active, is that it would be a proper and expedient thing for the South to have this appointment in the person of one of her representatives Democrats, several of whose names are mentioned in this connection. As it is settled that Justice Clifford will never be able to resume his seat on the bench, Justice Field is left as the only Democratic member of the court. It would therefore, to that extent at least, divest the court of its present almost absolute and entire partisanship.

Now that the appropriation bills are under consideration in Congress, members of both houses are expressing some curiosity as to where the money came from to pay the expenses of the extensive trip made by President Hayes and suite to the Pacific coast and back last summer and fall. The party consisted of about twenty persons, and the round trip covered a journey of somewhere in the neighborhood of 8,000 miles, via Omaha, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Tucson, and Santa Fe. The army furnished transportation, escorts, etc., through Arizona and New Mexico. In a number of instances the railroads did not charge for the conveyance of the party, but the actual expenses of the trip are said to have been in excess of \$50,000, and members of Congress seem to think that the appropriations for the army were drawn on, although it is not seen under what authority of law this could be done. There is talk of a resolution of inquiry on the subject being introduced. It surely was an expensive jaunt, and Mr. Hayes' well known parsimony renders it morally certain that his private purse was not drawn upon to pay the bill.

PHOTO.

A cute observer remarks that "the man who stops his paper to economize is like the man who goes barefoot to save his shoes."

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## Worth Remembering.

Now that good times are again upon us, before indulging in extravagant show, it is worth remembering that no one can enjoy the pleasant surroundings if in bad health. There are hundreds of miserable people going about to-day with disordered stomachs, liver or kidney, or a dry, hacking cough, and one foot in the grave, when a bottle of Parker's Ginger Tonic would do them more good than all the expensive doctors and quack medicines they have ever tried. It always makes the blood pure and rich, and will build you up and give you good health at little cost. Read of it in another column.

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## Railway Earnings in Ohio.

The following statement in regard to the gross earnings among the railroads of Ohio for 1880 has been prepared by the Railroad Commissioner, and will appear in his coming report:  
Total passenger earnings, \$18,100,922.19; increase over 1879, \$4,650,042.72.  
Total freight earnings, \$59,111,741.11; increase over 1879, \$19,072,234.45.  
Total express earnings, \$1,299,549.48; increase over 1879, \$204,386.67.  
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## FEARFUL FLOOD.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 11.—No one without a personal visit can form any idea of the desolation of the overflowed districts. One can run square after square and not see a single inhabitant. In the parish prison water invaded the cells and the prisoners had to be moved up stairs.

From eighteen to twenty miles of streets are submerged, the water averaging about five feet deep. It will be fully two weeks in subsiding and the suffering is very great. The wind is now from the northwest, which is favorable for a decline.

## A Prominent Republican Politician Brings Up in Jail.

Rodney Foss, a prominent and well known Republican politician of this state, has been arrested and put in jail in Denver, Colorado, charged with stealing books from the library of the Methodist University of that city, and pawing them. Foss was formerly secretary of the Republican State Executive Committee, which position he held several years. He was later elected clerk of the Supreme Court, and then office one term and executive clerk to Hayes, when he was Governor. When the Democrats came into power under Bishop, Foss opened a law office and subsequently formed a partnership with Attorney General Pillsbury. His law practice was inconsiderable, and consequently he was in great financial embarrassment. A little later on he turned up at Washington, begging for an office, which he failed, however, to obtain. He was therefor the last sight of him until the news from Denver gave an account of his final downfall. He was addicted to intemperate habits, and being a man of very moderate ability as a lawyer was not able to make a living when thrown out of office.

Those who know him best do not attribute his downfall to dishonesty but to dissipation and financial embarrassment and the natural result of a career that had no other purpose than the possession of petty offices.

## Short Breath.

O. Bortle, of Manchester, Ontario Co., N. Y., writes: "I obtained immediate relief from the use of Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil. I have had Asthma for eleven years. Have been obliged to sit up all night for ten or twelve nights in succession. I can now sleep soundly all night on a feather bed, which I had not been able to do previous to using the Oil. For Sale by J. C. Saur.

## Dillon's Threat.

LONDON, February 10.—Mr. Dillon, speaking in Manchester yesterday, said if the Englishmen did not quickly change their temper toward the Irish they (the Irish) would indeed be dogs and slaves if they did not long for the day when they would join the United States, Farnell, he said, within a month would stand in Congress at Washington as an honored and welcome spokesman of their wrongs.

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